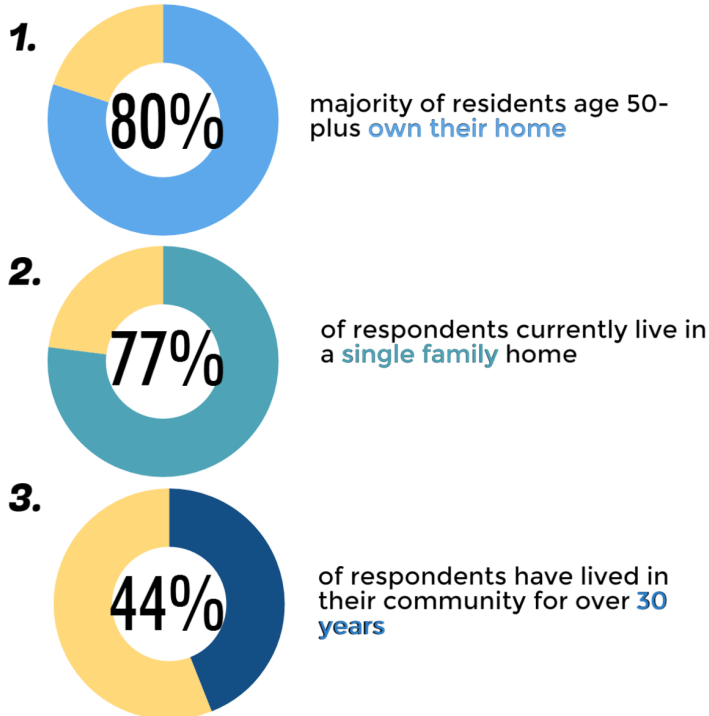


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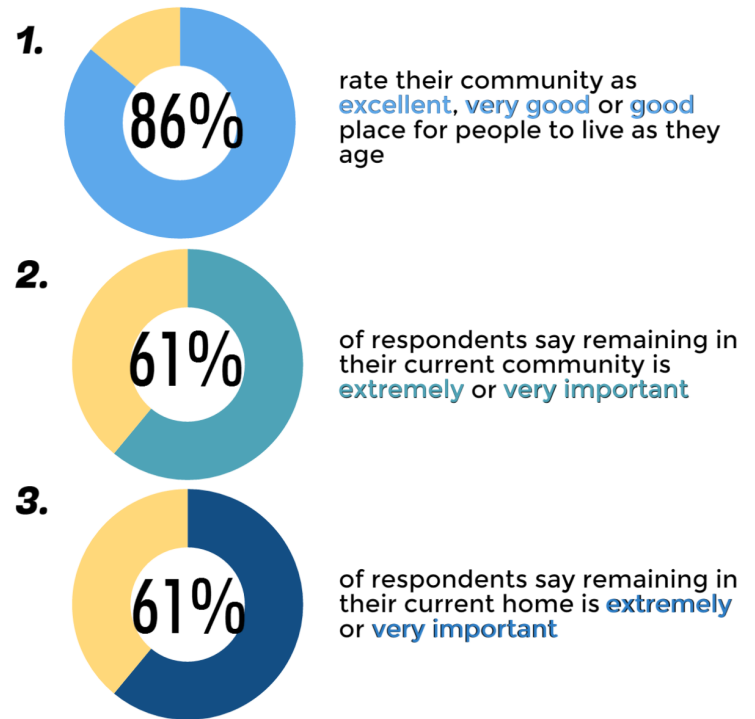
An Age-Friendly Community Survey of Residents Age 50-Plus



Community Information



Community Insight



Did You Know?

- Community residents age 50-plus have resided in their community an average of...

34 years



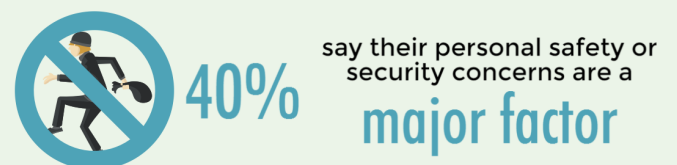
- Community residents age 50-plus have lived in their home an average of...

24 years



Did You Know?

Top two factors that influence residents to move as they age...



➤ Majority of residents age 50-plus expect to stay in their home or community as they age.

57% of residents are more likely to...
stay in their current residence and never move

25% of residents are more likely to...
move to a different community

14% of residents are more likely to...
move into a different residence in their community

Age-Friendly Community Domains of Livability



Housing

Did You Know?

24% of residents say they need to make major repairs, home modifications or changes

Top 2 Features	Extremely/very good	Bottom 2 Features	Fair/poor
Well-maintained homes and properties	47%	Well-maintained, safe low-income housing	30%
Home modification and repair contractors	40%	Homes with accessibility features	24%

Did You Know? **54%** of respondents walk or bike within their community



Outdoor Spaces & Buildings

Top 2 Features	Extremely/very good	Bottom 2 Features	Fair/poor
Safe parks	43%	Safe and accesible sidewalks	21%
Separate pathways for bicyclists and pedestrians	41%	Neighborhood Watch programs	20%

Transportation

Did You Know? **24%** of respondents say they use public transportation

Top 2 Features	Extremely/very good	Bottom 2 Features	Fair/poor
Easy-to-read traffic signs	52%	Well-maintained streets	37%
Accessible and convenient public transportation	45%	Affordable public parking	30%



Communication & Information

Top 2 Features	Extremely/very good	Bottom 2 Features	Fair/poor
Free access to computers and the Internet in public places	47%	Clearly displayed printed community information with large lettering	26%
Access to community information in one central source	24%	Community information that is delivered in person	22%

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Community & Health Care

Did You Know?

86%

of respondents say they consider their health to be excellent, very good, or good



Top 2 Features

Extremely/very good

Bottom 2 Features

Fair/poor

Well-maintained hospitals and health care facilities

73%

Affordable fitness activities specifically geared towards older adults

15%

A variety of health care professionals including specialists

68%

Conveniently located health and social services

12%

Did You Know?

39%

of respondents say they are employed



Civic Participation & Employment

Top 2 Features

Extremely/very good

Bottom 2 Features

Fair/poor

A range of volunteer activities to choose from

42%

A range of flexible job opportunities for older adults

30%

Easy to find information on available local volunteer opportunities

36%

Job training opportunities for older adults

28%

Social Participation, Respect & Inclusion

Top 2 Features

Extremely/very good

Bottom 2 Features

Fair/poor

Conveniently located entertainment venues

51%

Activities that are affordable to all residents

25%

Continuing education classes or social clubs to pursue new interests

44%

Activities geared specifically towards older adults

22%

Did You Know?

92%

of respondents say they are in contact with family, friends, or neighbors weekly



Source: 2016 AARP Age-Friendly Community Survey of the City of Grand Rapids Residents Age 50-Plus. For more information, contact: Joanne Binette, AARP Research, jbinette@aarp.org www.aarp.org/2016agefriendlycommunity

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